

One of the most anticipated weekends of the scouting year is rapidly approaching. October 23-25 is Fall Family Camping at Stone Mountain Park! With two weeks to go this weekend is the perfect time to start getting your camping materials together. Having the gear you need, in good shape, and in a spot you can easily find it will make your adventure much more enjoyable. Here we will provide a checklist of recommended items to bring along. These are only recommendations and you and your family will have to decide if you need more or less.

While there is a lot to this list, there is a good chance that you have a lot of these materials in your home already. There is no requirement for you to go out and buy “camping rated” plates and silverware, for instance. For some of the larger items like tables and stoves it is recommended that dens coordinate internally and share gear.

Fall Family Camping isn't intended to be an exhibition of who can have the grandest camp site or who can rough it on the least amount of gear. The intent is for everyone to have fun.

If your family does not have a tent. There are a number of reasonably priced options out there. Be sure to get one large enough for your family, but not so huge that you have a hard time putting it up. If you are not sure if you want to go to the extreme of buying a tent then we will start a post on the Facebook page where people can loan out extras.

Finally, this weekend would be a great time to break out your tents and boots and apply rain repellent. A scout is always prepared and we have all seen how wet it has been this year!

If you have questions and concerns feel free to contact:

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Tent & tent pegs/stakes, Hammocks may also be used, but we can't guarantee that there will be places to put them.

Tent Broom

Tarp/ground cloth for under Tent

Rake (to clear area under tent) – may be shared by a den

Sleeping Bags or bed rolls

Air mattress, Cot, Sleeping pad

Extra Blankets

Pillows

Ear Plugs

Bug Repellant

Sun Screen

Lantern(s) – may be shared by a den

Flash Light

Table & Chairs

Folding Chairs (Handy around the campfire)

Stove and fuel or metal grate to put over campfire

Firewood for campfire

Matches

Canteen or water bottle

Cord, rope, clothes pins

Long fork or hangers for roasting marshmallows!

Small tools hammer, wrench or multitool

Bucket – for water to put out fire - may be shared by a den

Shovel, to put out campfire

First Aid Kit

Fishing gear (optional)

Pack and Den Flags (optional)

Food, Snacks, Beverages, Coffee – dens may coordinate for Friday dinner, breakfasts and lunches if they want

Ice Chest / Cooler w/ice

Salt, pepper, condiments

Cookware & cooking utensils

Hot Pads or gloves

Plastic / Paper cups, plates, utensils, bowls

Coffee mugs

Paper towels, napkins

Toilet paper (the park has good toilet facilities, but you never know)

Soap

Dish rags & Dish soap, Brillo Pad

Can opener

Garbage bags

Baby wipes (optional, but awesome)

Extra change of clothes

Dry sleep clothes-you will stay warmer

Extra socks, shoes, underwear

Rain gear – poncho recommended!

Sweatshirt and/or Jacket

Hats

Towels and washcloth

Personal items & toiletries

Place clothing in Ziploc bags to keep dry

Books (Tree / Bird Identification or Other) Cub Scout Handbooks

Camera Optional

Good Attitude :)

Pocketknife – Only Cub scouts who have earned their whittling chip (card must be with the scout or parent!) and are supervised by a parent are allowed to have knives.